## Governor Carney's Statement on Delaware's Wildfire Crew Assisting West Coast States

**WILMINGTON, Del.** — Governor John Carney on Friday released the following statement commending Delaware Forest Service's wildfire crew prior to the mobilization of the 20-person team that will battle wildfires in the Rocky Mountain region.

"Delaware's wildfire crew is a group of well-trained volunteers and public servants who will leave the safety and comfort of their homes to travel across the country in an effort to help Western states battle wildfires. I'm confident that the crew will provide much needed assistance to our friends out West, and I am proud of the volunteers and agency personnel who make up the Forest Service's wildfire crew. Thank you to the crew for your service, and I wish everyone a safe return home."

The Forest Service's wildfire crew will depart Saturday on a bus to Harrisburg, and join four teams from the East prior to flying to Colorado on Sunday to begin their 14-day assignment. Volunteers and public agency personnel make up Delaware's wildfire crew who train in wildland firefighting and are certified by the <u>National Wildfire Coordinating Group</u>.